

REMARKS

Objection to the Specification

Paragraph 0031 has been objected to as it identifies two commonly assigned applications having different titles but the same serial number. This paragraph has been amended to recite only one of the applications.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

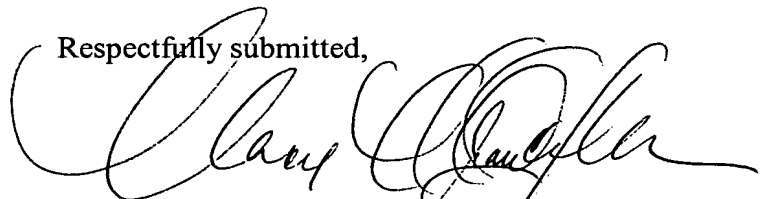
Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 14, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Application 2002-67629 A.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by South Korean Patent Application 2002-92667 A.

The above rejections are now moot due to the amendment to claim 1, which now recites that the bead wires are in at least two axially overlapping columns. The bead wires through which the carcass plies of JA '629 and KR '667 are not axially overlapping columns of bead wires.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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